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REMARKS

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1. From 23 December 1952 until 1 January 1953, 50 to 100 soldiers from the barracks installation southeast of Berliner Strasse, Prenzlau, almost daily engaged in carbine and machine gun firing in the sand pit south of the installation. On 10 January,  soldiers practiced aiming with 2 heavy mortars and 2 x 57-mm AT guns. A T-34/85 tank entered the installation at about 3 p.m. on 3 January, coming from the direction of the town.

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2. At about 3:30 p.m. on 23 December, JS-2 tank No 437 and JSU-122s Nos 458 and 463 entered the barracks installation on the northwest side of Berliner Strasse from a southerly direction,  from the training grounds. Four JS-2 tanks, 1 armored scout car, 8 officers and 30 EM wearing red-bordered black epaulets left the installation toward the railroad station on 2 January. Two JSU-122s including No 450 and several soldiers at aiming practice were seen in the antitank ditch near the barracks installation on the afternoon of 10 January.  1

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4. The following unloadings and loadings were  at the Prenzlau railroad station:  unloaded at 8:30 p.m. on 14 J.  at 9:05 p.m. on 15 January, with the tanks subsequently moving to the barracks installation on the northwest side of Berliner Strasse. JS-2 tanks

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Nos 437 and 438 and 3 officers and 9 EM wearing red-bordered black epaulets and carrying luggage were loaded at 6:45 p.m. on 26 January. The unit came from the barracks installation on the northwest side of Berliner Chaussee. Eight T-34/85 tanks including Nos 102, 127, 134, 221, and 238 were unloaded at 2:30 p.m. on 19 January, 2 unnumbered T-34/85 tanks at 4:30 p.m. on 21 January, and about 50 soldiers whom source believed have been recruits at 7:15 p.m. on 23 January. All troops and tanks moved to the barracks installation on the southeast side of Berliner Strasse upon unloading.

5. From 12 to 31 January, troops practiced firing with carbines and heavy machine guns and practiced aiming with 57-mm AT guns in the sand pit south of the barracks installation. [redacted] in the billeting area were numbered [redacted]

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1. [redacted] Comment. Contrary to a report of mid-December 1952 by the same and other sources, the barracks installations on the southeast and northwest side of Berliner Strasse are still occupied by units of the 25th Tank Div. See [redacted]. The tanks [redacted] at the Frenzlau railroad station are believed to have belonged to the 83d Gds Hv Tank SP Regt and the 175th Tank Regt of the 25th Tank Div, and to have presumably participated or, were to participate, in combat firing practice at the Templin troop training grounds. [redacted] in the area of Frenzlau and Templin on 22 January 1953. See [redacted].

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the Kuestrin-Kietz railroad  
station, the following rail shipments crossed the border, in the  
directions indicated, from 16 through 24 January 1953:

Date in January	Number of Boxcars	Load	From	To
<b>a. Westbound.</b>				
16	32	empty	Kostrzyn	Kietz
17	8	"	"	"
	24	"	"	"
18	29	"	"	"
	49	"	"	"
	47	"	"	Erfurt
21	93	"	"	Kietz
23	28	"	"	"
<b>b. Eastbound.</b>				
16	56	potash	Rosslaben	Reppen
	37	"	Kietz	"
17	31	wall tiles	"	Insterburg
	14	potash		
	20	machinery		
	15	potash	"	Kostrzyn
	1	paper		

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	45	potash	Leimbach	Reppen
18	7	machinery	Kietz	Kostrzyn
	2	cables		
	53	potash	Rossleben	Reppen
	42	"	"	"
	48	"	Leimbach	Kietz
19	47	undetermined	Kietz	Insterburg
20	100	potash	Leimbach	Reppen
21	41	"	Glueckauf	"
22	47	"	Leimbach	"
	47	"	Bischofferode	Insterburg
	45	"	Leimbach	"
23	46	"	"	"
	16	butter	Kietz	Kostrzyn
	1	lumber		
	18	potash		
	35	"	Glueckauf	Reppen
24	29	sulphate of soda	Kietz	Insterburg
	19	wall tiles		16/40054
	6	textiles		
	5	potash	"	Kostrzyn
	1	machinery		

Comment. Rail freight traffic through Kuestrin-Kietz was normal.

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